## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 remain pending in the present application. Applicants acknowledge the Office's allowance of claims 1-9. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's informative comments regarding this application in our telephone conversation of January 14, 2004. Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's acceptance of Applicant's proposed amendments on January 15, 2004, which according to the Examiner, place the claims in condition for allowance. Claims 4, 7 and 10 has been amended herewith in an effort to advance prosecution of this application. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to expedite allowance of this application.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,						
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